

(Applause.)

So we will have a 2-hour recess to celebrate. No, we are not doing that.

(Laughter.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, while the distinguished leader is still on the floor, I thank him for his comments. It is very late at night, and I will speak further about this next week.

I must admit, when I came here as the junior-most Member of the Senate, I did not expect to be in this position, but I have had the privilege now of serving with slightly over 20 percent of all of the Senators who have served in the history of this country, and some were very, very good Senators—and all were Senators. All were Senators, and some were very good.

(Laughter.)

I will speak about this later in the week. I appreciate the comments, and it has been a privilege serving with all of those hundreds and hundreds of Senators I have served with.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois.

VOTE ON MENENDEZ NOMINATION

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I yield back all time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Menendez nomination?

Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), the Senator from

Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY).

The result was announced—yeas 49, nays 21, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 523 Ex.]

YEAS—49

| | | |
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| Baldwin | Hassan | Reed |
| Bennet | Heinrich | Rosen |
| Blumenthal | Hickenlooper | Schatz |
| Blunt | Hirono | Schumer |
| Booker | Kelly | Shaheen |
| Brown | Kennedy | Smith |
| Cantwell | King | Stabenow |
| Cardin | Klobuchar | Tester |
| Carper | Leahy | Tillis |
| Casey | Lujan | Van Hollen |
| Collins | Markey | Warner |
| Coons | Menendez | Warnock |
| Cortez Masto | Merkley | Warren |
| Duckworth | Murkowski | Whitehouse |
| Durbin | Murphy | Wyden |
| Gillibrand | Padilla | |
| Grassley | Peters | |

NAYS—21

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| Boozman | Hawley | Scott (FL) |
| Braun | Hoeben | Scott (SC) |
| Cassidy | Lankford | Sullivan |
| Cotton | Lee | Thune |
| Crapo | Marshall | Tuberville |
| Cruz | Rubio | Wicker |
| Hagerty | Sasse | Young |

NOT VOTING—30

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| Barrasso | Graham | Ossoff |
| Blackburn | Hyde-Smith | Paul |
| Burr | Inhofe | Portman |
| Capito | Johnson | Risch |
| Cornyn | Kaine | Romney |
| Cramer | Lummis | Rounds |
| Daines | Manchin | Sanders |
| Ernst | McConnell | Shelby |
| Feinstein | Moran | Sinema |
| Fischer | Murray | Toomey |

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 573, Mary Katherine Dimke, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Brian Schatz, Martin Heinrich, Alex Padilla, Jacky Rosen, Margaret Wood Hassan, Dianne Feinstein, Benjamin L. Cardin, Richard Blumenthal, Angus S. King, Jr., Bernard Sanders, Christopher Murphy, Sheldon Whitehouse, Sherrod Brown, Michael F. Bennet, Christopher A. Coons.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination

of Mary Katherine Dimke, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY).

The result was announced—yeas 47, nays 23, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 524 Ex.]

YEAS—47

| | | |
|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Baldwin | Hassan | Reed |
| Bennet | Heinrich | Rosen |
| Blumenthal | Hickenlooper | Schatz |
| Booker | Hirono | Schumer |
| Brown | Kelly | Shaheen |
| Cantwell | King | Smith |
| Cardin | Klobuchar | Stabenow |
| Carper | Leahy | Tester |
| Casey | Lujan | Tillis |
| Collins | Markey | Van Hollen |
| Coons | Menendez | Warner |
| Cortez Masto | Merkley | Warnock |
| Duckworth | Murkowski | Warren |
| Durbin | Murphy | Whitehouse |
| Gillibrand | Padilla | Wyden |
| Grassley | Peters | |

NAYS—23

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| Blunt | Hawley | Scott (FL) |
| Boozman | Hoeben | Scott (SC) |
| Braun | Kennedy | Sullivan |
| Cassidy | Lankford | Thune |
| Cotton | Lee | Tuberville |
| Crapo | Marshall | Wicker |
| Cruz | Rubio | Young |
| Hagerty | Sasse | |

NOT VOTING—30

| | | |
|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Barrasso | Cramer | Graham |
| Blackburn | Daines | Hyde-Smith |
| Burr | Ernst | Inhofe |
| Capito | Feinstein | Johnson |
| Cornyn | Fischer | Kaine |

Lummis
Manchin
McConnell
Moran
Murray

Ossoff
Paul
Portman
Risch
Romney

Rounds
Sanders
Shelby
Sinema
Toomey

[Rollcall Vote No. 525 Ex.]

YEAS—47

Baldwin
Bennet
Blumenthal
Booker
Brown
Cantwell
Cardin
Carper
Casey
Collins
Coons
Cortez Masto
Duckworth
Durbin
Gillibrand
Grassley

Hassan
Heinrich
Hickenlooper
Hirono
Kelly
King
Klobuchar
Leahy
Lujan
Markey
Menendez
Merkley
Murkowski
Murphy
Padilla
Peters

Reed
Rosen
Schatz
Schumer
Shaheen
Smith
Stabenow
Tester
Tillis
Van Hollen
Warner
Warnock
Warren
Whitehouse
Wyden

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 47, the nays are 23.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Mary Katherine Dimke, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip.

Mr. DURBIN. I yield back all time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Dimke nomination?

Mr. DURBIN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), the Senator of Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY).

The result was announced—yeas 47, nays 23, as follows:

Blunt
Boozman
Braun
Cassidy
Cotton
Crapo
Cruz
Hagerty

NAYS—23

Hawley
Hoeven
Kennedy
Lankford
Lee
Marshall
Rubio
Sasse

Scott (FL)
Scott (SC)
Sullivan
Thune
Tuberville
Wicker
Young

NOT VOTING—30

Barrasso
Blackburn
Burr
Capito
Cornyn
Cramer
Daines
Ernst
Feinstein
Fischer

Graham
Hyde-Smith
Inhofe
Johnson
Kaine
Lummis
Manchin
McConnell
Moran
Murray

Ossoff
Paul
Portman
Risch
Romney
Rounds
Sanders
Shelby
Sinema
Toomey

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider will be considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, for the information of the Senators, I am going to read a list of UCs for Ambassadors. Then we will have three votes, one on an ambassador and two on cloture for court of appeals judges.

So, Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the majority leader, following consultation with the Republican leader, no later than January 14, 2022, the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 3436 introduced earlier today by Senator CRUZ; that there be 2 hours of debate, equally divided between the two leaders or their designees on the bill; that upon the use or yielding back of that time, the bill be considered read a third time and the Senate vote on passage of the Cruz bill, with 60-affirmative votes required for passage, with no amendments in order and without intervening action or debate; further, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII, if applicable, that PN605 Elizabeth Rosenberg to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Department of Treasury, be discharged from the Banking Committee and the Senate consider the following nominations en bloc: Executive Calendar Nos. 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 318, 319, 403, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 439, 448, 449, 450, 455, 516, 517, 518, 520, 522, 523, 524, 617, 618, 620, 621, 623, 624, 625, and PN605; that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc with-

out intervening action or debate; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; and, finally, I ask unanimous consent that the bill in the agreement be placed on the Calendar of Business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations of Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Somalia; Elizabeth Moore Aubin, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Lesotho; Christopher John Lamora, of Rhode Island, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cameroon; Tulinabo S. Mushingi, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Angola, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe; Eugene S. Young, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of the Congo; Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Ambassador, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs); Christopher P. Lu, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform; Christopher P. Lu, of Virginia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform; Alexia Marie